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SUBJECT MONTONERO ATTEMPT TO MEET WITH SECRETARY

REF: MEXICO 6979

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME THE PERONIST MONTONERO MOVEMENT MAY ACQUIRE A MEASURE OF RESPECTABILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA THAT IS TERRORIST PAST WILL PRECLUDE HERE FOR A MUCH LONGER PERIOD. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TROUBLESOME CONSIDERING THAT MEN LIKE OBREGON CANO AND ESCUDERO--WHO ARE THOROUGHLY DISCREDITED HERE, BUT WHO PERHAPS NEVER TOOK PART IN ACTUAL ACTS OF BLOODY TERRORISM--ADHERE TO THE MONTONERO MOVEMENT ABROAD AND IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES MAY CONVINCINGLY PRESENT THEMSELVES AS "GOOD DEMOCRATS" AND PATRIOTS SINCERELY CONCERNED ABOUT EXCESSES COMMITTED BY THE PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT. (THEY WILL OVERLOOK THE ROLE THEY PLAYED IN CREATING THE LAMENTABLE SITUATION IN WHICH THESE EXCESSES TOOK PLACE.)

2. WE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE SHUN

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ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PERONIST MONTONERO MOVEMENT.
IN THE CASE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MEXICO WE

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SPECIFICALLY RECOMMEND THAT NO MEMBER OF HIS PARTY
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